Achievements of ICHR

†4363. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when and for which purposes the Indian Council of Historical Research was set up and the achievement made by it so far;

(b) the criteria for appointment of Member-Secretary in the institution and whether the present appointment to the post is in conformity with the criteria prescribed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not by when Government propose to take action to make appointment as per rule, by nullifying the present appointment?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) was established in 1972. Its objectives are contained in its Memorandum of Association (MOA). As per the information provided by the ICHR, the Council has funded 541 projects, 2094 Fellowships, 2596 Study-cum-travel Grants and supported about one thousand Seminars/Workshops/Conferences across the country on requests received from various professional organizations of historians.

The Council has also itself brought out about 195 publications in English, Hindi, Urdu and other regional languages including its Journal entitled. The Indian Historical Review (27 volumes- bi-annual) and Itihas (3 volumes).

(b) and (c) Appointment of Member-Secretary was made by the Council with the approval of the Government of India as per its MOA/Rules.

Technology Habitat at Cochin

4364. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a proposal for establishment of Technology Habitat at Cochin; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

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